



Partnership for Kids

2006 Statewide CASA Conference

October 13-14, 2006
Williamsburg, Virginia



Sponsored by

*The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services,
the Virginia Family and Children's Trust Fund and the
Advisory Committee to the CASA/CJA Programs*





CONFERENCE GOALS

The first CASA program in Virginia was established in 1986. Since then, we have grown to 28 programs. Last year, over 1,300 volunteers served 4,300 abused and neglected children throughout the Commonwealth. The CASA programs in Virginia have accomplished much and have a great deal to be proud of. These accomplishments are due to the incredible commitment of volunteers, staff and our partners in child welfare.

This seventh biennial event, the 2006 Statewide CASA Conference: Partnerships For Kids, is designed to enhance and build skills relating to the advocacy efforts which all child welfare partners need in order to best serve abused and neglected children. Additionally, people working with kids need to take some time to take care of themselves, so we have worked in some sessions addressing the issues of nurturing and personal growth for staff and volunteers.

We hope that participants will receive excellent training, motivation and encouragement for the very difficult work they do every day. In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to renew friendships, rekindle enthusiasm, and to celebrate that Virginia has one of the strongest state-wide CASA programs in the country. We hope you can join us!

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This conference is designed to specifically benefit and educate CASA volunteers, program staff and board members who want to enhance their skills in advocacy. Further, we invite Judges, GALs, CPS and foster care workers, mental health professionals and other “partners” in the human service field to join us in this effort to enhance and strengthen our skills as we serve abused and neglected children in Virginia.

LOCATION

The conference will be held at the Williamsburg Marriott Hotel, 50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg, Virginia. For overnight accommodations, call the hotel directly at (757) 220-2500 or call (800) 442-3654 prior to Friday September 22th in order to take advantage of the special group rate of \$67.00 single/double room plus taxes. Please identify yourself as an attendee of the Statewide CASA Conference sponsored by the Department of Criminal Justice Services and mention Group Code VDCA. Directions may be obtained by calling the hotel or by visiting their website at www.marriott.com/property/propertypage/PHFCW.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

*Reverend Dr. Lewis M. Anthony, Senior Pastor
Metropolitan Wesley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
Washington, DC*

Pastor Anthony serves as the senior pastor of Washington's historic Metropolitan Wesley African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. Founded in 1832, the Metropolitan Wesley AME Zion Church served as a station on the famed "underground Railroad," and was the birthplace of the first public school for Washington's African-American children.

Pastor Anthony has a long and distinguished history of public service and advocacy, serving in the administrations of Washington, DC's first two elected Mayors, and as the director of the Congressional District Office of the District of Columbia's first elected representative to the United States House of Representatives. On April 30, 2000, Rev. Dr. Anthony was inducted into the inaugural class of the Washington, DC, Hall of Fame, receiving the Legacy Award for Religion.

He received degrees from Columbia and Harvard Universities.

PLENARY SPEAKER

*Lisa Aronson Fontes, Ph.D.
Core Faculty Member, Psy.D. Program
Union Institute and University, Brattleboro, VT*

Lisa Aronson Fontes, Ph.D., has dedicated over 15 years to making the social service and mental health systems more responsive to culturally diverse people affected by family violence.

Dr. Fontes has recently written **Child Abuse and Culture: Working with Diverse Families**. She is the editor of **Sexual Abuse in Nine North American Cultures: Treatment and Prevention** and has written numerous journal articles and chapters on cultural issues in child maltreatment and violence against women, cross-cultural research, and ethical issues in research. She has worked as a family, individual, and group therapist in a variety of settings, including managed care, emergency services, and protective outreach services, and has conducted research in Santiago, Chile, and with Puerto Ricans, African Americans, and European Americans in the United States. Dr. Fontes is fluent in Spanish and Portuguese. She earned a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Massachusetts and a Master's degree from Columbia School of Journalism. She is a popular conference speaker and workshop facilitator for diverse groups of professionals and parents.



CLOSING SPEAKER

Robert (Bob) Mitchell, A.C.S.W

Louisville, Kentucky

Mr. Mitchell is a Certified Social Worker with 42 years of experience. He is a popular seminar leader and convention speaker who has shared his ideas with over 200,000 people in 47 states (including Hawaii) and Canada. His programs are always insightful, innovative and entertaining. Mr. Mitchell's positive attitude has endeared him to professionals everywhere. He has a special way of motivating others and makes each person feel as though they are spoken to on an individual basis.

Mr. Mitchell has been given the Distinguished Citizens Award by the Mayor of Louisville and was named Kentucky's Social Worker of the Year. He is a founding member of the American Association of Therapeutic Humor and for eight years was a member of the National Institute for Internal Auditors. He is a former member of the National Speaker's Association.

CONFERENCE FACULTY

Additional Presenters at the Conference include:

- Sally Erny, B.S., Director of Program Development, National CASA Association
- Louis Harrison, J.D., Guardian ad Litem
- Lelia Hopper, J.D., Director of Court Improvement Program - Foster Care and Adoption
Office of the Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Virginia
- Mary Ellen Huennekens, B.S., Case Manager, Richmond CASA Program
- Ken Lanning, M.S., Retired FBI Agent, Crimes Against Children Consultants
- Jaia Peterson Lent, L.S.W, M.S.W, Generations United
- Brian Meyer, Ph. D., Virginia Treatment Center for Children
VCU Medical Center Department of Psychiatry
- Peg Ruggiero, M.S.W., M.Ed., Program Manager, Richmond CASA Program
- Ann Schulte, L.C.S.W, Army Community Service
- Judge Ellen White, J.D., 24th District Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2006

8:30–10:00 Registration/Continental Breakfast

10:00–12:00 Welcome and Opening Session

Keynote Address: Bringing Hope and Life... One Child at a Time

Reverend Dr. Lewis M. Anthony, Senior Pastor

Metropolitan Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church of Washington, DC

12:00–1:15 Luncheon

1:15–2:30 Concurrent Workshops

- Child Sexual Abuse Exploitation - The Unique Role of Advocates in the Investigation Process (Part 1)
- Working Effectively with Military Families
- Thinking Outside the CASA Box: The Role of the Child Advocate in the Family Drug Treatment Court

2:45–4:00 Concurrent Workshops

- Child Sexual Abuse Exploitation - The Unique Role of Advocates in the Investigation Process (Part 2)
- Children in the Care of Grandparents or Other Relatives: Addressing Challenges and Accessing Supportive Services
- The Use, Misuse and Mix-ups of Psychiatric Diagnoses for Abused and Neglected Children: What to Look For, What to Do

4:15–5:30 Concurrent Workshops

- Supervision as Coaching/Effective Supervision Techniques
- Juvenile Court Law: What You NEED to Know
- Effective Advocacy for Children with Disabilities

5:30–6:30 Reception

Please join us for networking and light hors d'oeuvres

6:30 Dinner on your own



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2006

8:00–9:00 Continental Breakfast

**9:00–10:15 Plenary Session: Assessing for Child Maltreatment in Diverse Families:
Avoiding False Positives and Negatives**

Lisa Aronson Fontes, Ph.D.

10:30–11:45 Concurrent Workshops

- Cultural Competence in Action: Activities for People who Intervene in Family Violence
- Working with Difficult and Resistant Clients
- Lions and Tigers and Lawyers, OH MY!

12:00 –2:00 Lunch & Closing Session

- Volunteer Recognition
- Peninsula Children's Choir

Closing: Where There is Laughter, There is Hope

Robert (Bob) Mitchell

CONFERENCE UPDATES

The conference schedule will be periodically updated and added to the DCJS website with course descriptions provided by workshop presenters.

Please check our website at www.dcjs.virginia.gov for current information.



REGISTRATION

A \$50.00 registration fee includes two breakfasts, two lunches, the participants reception and conference materials. **Registration is available online www.dcjs.virginia.gov** or you may complete the attached form and mail it with your check to DCJS, 202 North Ninth Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23219. Please make checks payable to: Treasurer of Virginia.

Please Note: An additional \$15 charge will be added to all registrations that are not paid by the date of the conference.

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